

4. (Amended) A spacer as set forth in claim 1 or 2, wherein the average roughness of the groove bottoms of said spiral grooves is $1.2\mu\text{m}$ or less.

5. (Amended) A spacer as set forth in claim 1 or 2, wherein the spiral progression angle (β), as determined by:

$\tan \beta = (d \times \pi \times \theta / 360) / p$

where d is the outer diameter, θ is the spiral groove inversion angle, and p is the spiral groove inversion pitch, is set in the range, 5 to 15° .

6. (Amended) An optical fiber cable characterized in using a spacer as set forth in claim 1 or 2 to house a plurality of tape-form optical fibers in at least one or more spiral grooves.

7. (Amended) An optical fiber cable characterized in using a spacer as set forth in claim 1 or 2 to house a single-core optical fiber in at least one or more spiral grooves.

13. (Amended) A method for producing a spacer for optical fiber cable as set forth in claim 9 or 10, wherein said predetermined angle is set to an angle of within 30° to 150° .

14. (Amended) A method for producing a spacer for optical fiber cable as set forth in any of claims 8 through 10, wherein the drawdown is set to 70% or more.

The Appendix hereto shows the changes made in the claims.

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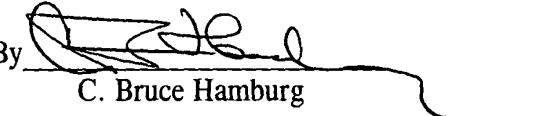
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REMARKS

This simply eliminates the informalities of any multiple dependent claim depending from another multiple dependent claim and conforms the title to the herewith submitted Declaration/Power of Attorney.

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